## Argument in favor of Measure M

## Vote YES on M to MAINTAIN SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF LIFE IN VACAVILLE.

In 2012, following several consecutive years of <u>state funding takeaways</u> and millions in cuts to city services and staff, over 70% of Vacaville voters approved Measure M, a modest increase to our local sales tax rate.

For the past four years, Measure M has provided locally-controlled funding to preserve essential services that protect our safety and quality of life in Vacaville. <u>THIS LOCAL FUNDING IS SET TO EXPIRE</u> and Vacaville will again face multi-million dollar budget deficits affecting police and fire emergency response times, street repair and other essential services that keep Vacaville a safe and livable community.

Voting <u>YES on M</u> will renew and enhance locally-controlled funding in Vacaville to:

- Provide sufficient on-duty firefighters and paramedics to protect rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times
- □ Keep local youth away from crime, gangs and drugs
- □ Provide police programs to curb domestic violence, child abuse and elder abuse
- Ensure Police enforcement of probation violations to keep dangerous criminals off our streets
- □ Address delayed pothole repair and street maintenance
- □ Repair or replace aging fire trucks, firefighting equipment, police cars and other essential vehicles
- □ Fix Vacaville's aging community centers, fire stations, parks and athletic facilities
- Protect Vacaville's reserve funds for emergencies and provide for further economic recovery

Measure M Protects Vacaville Taxpayers by:

- □ Keeping Vacaville's sales tax rate lower than in neighboring communities
- Ensuring visitors who shop in Vacaville and use our roads and services pay their share
- □ Adding just 50¢ to a \$100 purchase with purchases of food and medicine exempted
- □ Requiring annual audits to ensure funds are spent properly
- □ Keeping our dollars in Vacaville Measure M funds cannot be taken by the State

Join Vacaville's most respected leaders and vote <u>YES on M</u>!

<u>www.YesonMforVacaville.org</u>

/s/ Len Augustine /s/ Robert A. Powell /s/ Kathleen Ramos /s/ S. Scott Reynolds /s/ Richard Rico